

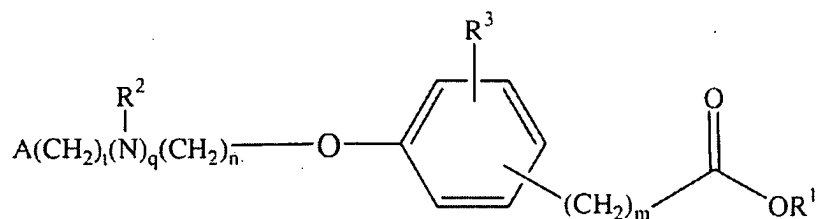
Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 16 and 29, amend claims 14, 15, 17, 27 and 30, and add new claims 43-51, as shown in the listing of claims that follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

14. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition adapted for oral administration, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and from one milligram to four hundred milligrams of a biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:



Formula I

wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 0, 1, 2, 4, or 5;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R² is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R³ is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is ~~phenyl, substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy;~~ 2,6-dimethylphenyl; or cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or two ring carbons are independently mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl;

and

R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

or when R¹ is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

15. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 14, wherein n is 1; q is 0; t is 0; R³ is hydrogen; and

A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl. ~~phenyl, substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy.~~

16. (Canceled)

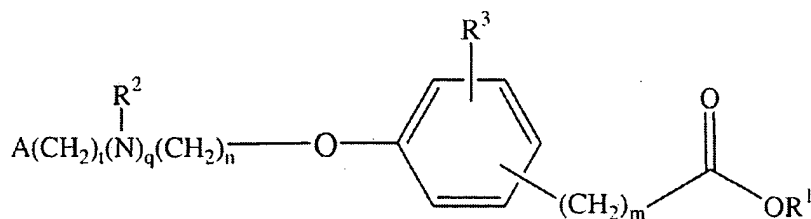
17. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~16~~ 15, wherein the biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of:

3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)phenylacetic acid;

3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)benzoic acid;
Ethyl 3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)benzoate;
6-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoic acid;
Ethyl 6-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoate;
5-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoic acid;
Ethyl 5-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoate;
3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propionic acid; and
Ethyl 3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propanoate.

18. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 14 in oral dosage form.

19. (Previously presented) A biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:



Formula I

wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 1, 2, 4, or 5;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R² is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R³ is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl; and

R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

or when R¹ is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound, wherein the agent is substantially pure.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) The biologically active agent of claim 19, selected from the group consisting of:

3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)phenylacetic acid;

6-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoic acid;

Ethyl 6-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoate;

5-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoic acid;

Ethyl 5-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoate;

3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propionic acid; and

Ethyl 3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propanoate.

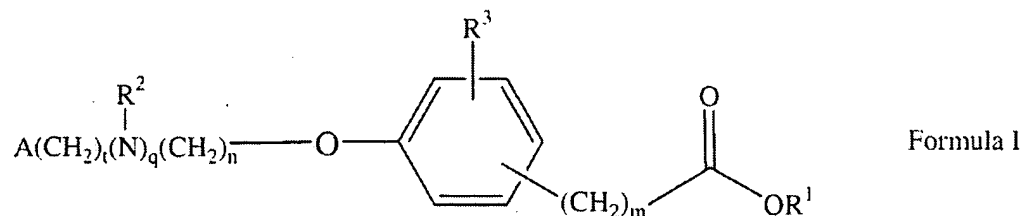
Claim 23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (canceled).

25. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17, wherein the biologically active agent is 3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenylacetic acid.

26. (Previously presented) The biologically active agent of claim 22, being 3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenylacetic acid.

27. (Currently amended) A biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 0, 1, 2, 4, or 5;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R² is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R³ is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl; ~~phenyl substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo;~~
~~alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon~~
~~atoms, and perfluoromethoxy;~~

and

R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

or when R¹ is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound, wherein the
agent is present in a mammal other than a mouse.

28. (Previously presented) The biologically active agent of claim 27, wherein n
is 1; q is 0; t is 0; and R³ is hydrogen.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) The biologically active agent of claim ~~29~~ 28,
selected from the group consisting of:

3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)phenylacetic acid;

3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)benzoic acid;

Ethyl 3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)benzoate;

6-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoic acid;

Ethyl 6-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoate;

5-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoic acid;

Ethyl 5-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoate;

3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propionic acid; and

Ethyl 3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propanoate.

31. (Previously presented) The biologically active agent of claim 30, being
3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenylacetic acid.

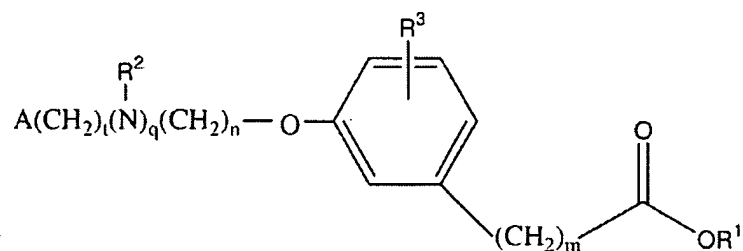
32. (Previously presented) The biologically active agent of claim 31, wherein the mammal is a human.

33. (Previously presented) The biologically active agent of claim 27, wherein the mammal is a human.

Claims 34-41 (canceled).

42. (Previously presented) A biologically active agent selected from the group consisting of 3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)benzoic acid, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and Ethyl 3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)benzoate, wherein the agent is substantially pure.

43. (New) A pharmaceutical composition adapted for oral administration, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and from one milligram to four hundred milligrams of a biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 0, 1, 2, 4, or 5;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R² is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R³ is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is phenyl, substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy; or cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or two ring carbons are independently mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl;

and

R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

or when R¹ is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound,

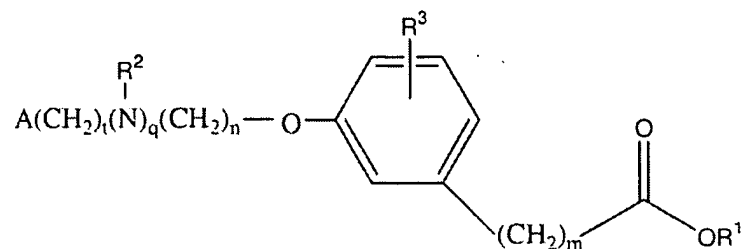
44. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 43, wherein n is 1; q is 0; t is 0; R³ is hydrogen; and

A is phenyl, substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy.

45. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 44, wherein A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl.

46. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 43 in oral dosage form.

47. (New) A biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 1, 2, 4, or 5;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R^2 is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

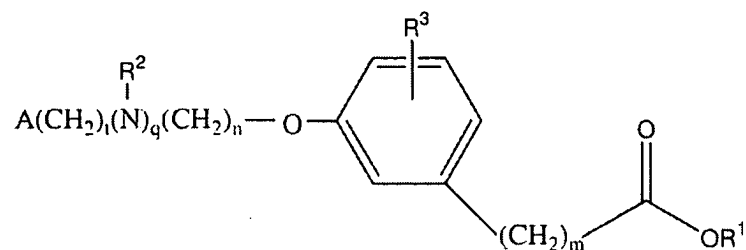
R^3 is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl ; and

R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

or when R^1 is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound, wherein the agent is substantially pure.

48. (New) A biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 0, 1, 2, 4, or 5;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R^2 is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R^3 is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is phenyl, substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy;

and

R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

or when R^1 is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound, wherein the agent is present in a mammal other than a mouse.

49. (New) The biologically active agent of claim 48, wherein n is 1; q is 0; t is 0; and R^3 is hydrogen.

50. (New) The biologically active agent of claim 49, wherein A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl.

51. (New) The biologically active agent of claim 48, wherein the mammal is a human.